

C L A I M A M E N D M E N T S

The following is a complete listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application. A status identifier is provided for every claim and the current text of every claim is presented, unless the claim has been cancelled or withdrawn.

1-9 (CANCELLED).

10. (WITHDRAWN) A method comprising:
selecting a player of a gaming device to receive a portable communication device;
obtaining a player identifier from the player; and
supplying the portable communication device to the player.

11. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 10 wherein the player identifier comprises a name of the player.

12. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 10 wherein the player identifier comprises an address of the player.

13. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 10 wherein the player identifier comprises a phone number of the player.

14. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 10 wherein the player identifier comprises a tracking card of the player.

15. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 10 wherein the player identifier comprises a hotel room number of the player.
16. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 10 wherein the player identifier comprises an email address of the player.
17. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 10 wherein the player identifier comprises a payment identifier of the player.
18. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 17 wherein the payment identifier comprises a credit card number.
19. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 17 wherein the payment identifier comprises a debit card number.
20. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 17 wherein the payment identifier comprises a financial account number.
21. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 17 wherein the payment identifier comprises a home billing address.
22. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 17 wherein the payment identifier comprises a hotel room number of the player.
23. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 10 further comprising providing consideration in exchange for supplying the portable communication device.

24. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 12 wherein the consideration comprises at least one of a currency, a promise to perform a service, and a product.
25. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 10 further comprising receiving a security deposit from the player in exchange for supplying the portable communication device.
26. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 25 further comprising returning the security deposit to the player upon a receipt of the portable communication device from the player.
27. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 10 wherein supplying comprises supplying the portable communication device from a casino representative.
28. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 10 wherein supplying comprises supplying the portable communication device from a front desk at a casino.
29. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 10 wherein supplying comprises supplying the portable communication device from a merchant associated with a casino.

30. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 10 further comprising receiving the portable communication device from the player at a casino desk.
31. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 10 further comprising receiving the portable communication device from the player at deposit bin.
32. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 10 further comprising receiving an indication from the player and, in response thereto, collecting the portable communication device from the player.
33. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 10 wherein supplying the portable communication device comprises supplying the portable communication device subject to a condition.
34. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 10 wherein the condition comprises that the communication device be in working order when returned by the player.
35. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 10 wherein the condition comprises that the communication device be returned during a specified time period.
36. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 10 wherein the condition comprises that the communication device be returned at a specified location.

37. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 10 wherein the condition comprises that the communication device be used by the player in a specified manner.
38. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 37 wherein the specified manner comprises using the communication device for at least a specified amount of time.
39. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 10 further comprising providing a benefit to the player upon a receipt of the portable communication device from the player.
40. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 39 wherein the benefit is at least one of a product and a service.
41. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 39 wherein the benefit is provided based upon at least one condition related to a game play of the gaming device.
42. (NEW) A method comprising:
determining that a player at a gaming device would like to communicate with another;
obtaining a player identifier from the player;
supplying the player with a portable communication device;
determining an individual who will communicate with the player; and
enabling communication between the player and the individual via the portable communication device.

43. (NEW) A method comprising:
monitoring gaming activities of a player at a gaming device;
obtaining a player identifier from the player;
supplying the player with a portable communication device;
determining, based on the gaming activities, whether to initiate communication between the player and an individual;
enabling communication between the player and the individual via the portable communication device.
44. (NEW) The method of claim 43, further comprising:
determining a prompt based on the gaming activities.
45. (NEW) The method of claim 44, further comprising:
outputting the prompt to the individual.
46. (NEW) The method of claim 44, in which the prompt comprises:
an offer for at least one of a product or service.
47. (NEW) The method of claim 43, further comprising:
enabling the individual to provide a service to the player.
48. (NEW) The method of claim 43, further comprising:
altering the state of the gaming device based on an input received from the individual.
49. (NEW) An apparatus, comprising:

a processor, and

a memory in communication with the processor, in which the memory stores a program that is operable to direct the processor to perform the method of claim 43.

50. (NEW) A computer readable medium, which stores a program that is operable to direct a processor to perform the method of claim 43.

51. (NEW) The method of claim 42 wherein the player identifier comprises a name of the player.

52. (NEW) The method of claim 42 wherein the player identifier comprises an address of the player.

53. (NEW) The method of claim 42 wherein the player identifier comprises a phone number of the player.

54. (NEW) The method of claim 42 wherein the player identifier comprises a tracking card of the player.

55. (NEW) The method of claim 42 wherein the player identifier comprises a hotel room number of the player.

56. (NEW) The method of claim 42 wherein the player identifier comprises an email address of the player.

57. (NEW) The method of claim 42 wherein the player identifier comprises a payment identifier of the player.
58. (NEW) The method of claim 57 wherein the payment identifier comprises a credit card number.
59. (NEW) The method of claim 57 wherein the payment identifier comprises a debit card number.
60. (NEW) The method of claim 57 wherein the payment identifier comprises a financial account number.
61. (NEW) The method of claim 57 wherein the payment identifier comprises a home billing address.